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Fig. 1

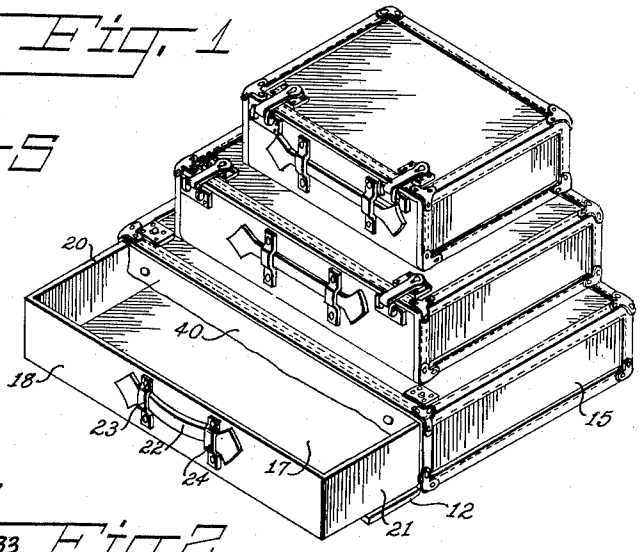


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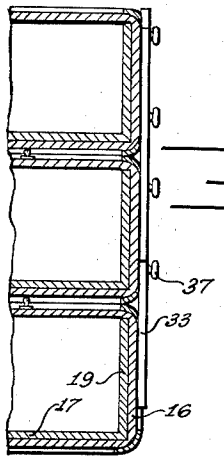


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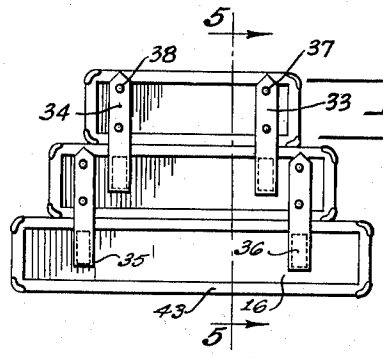


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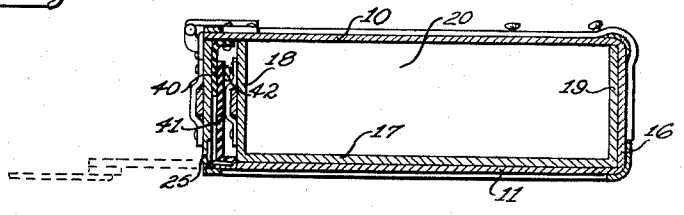
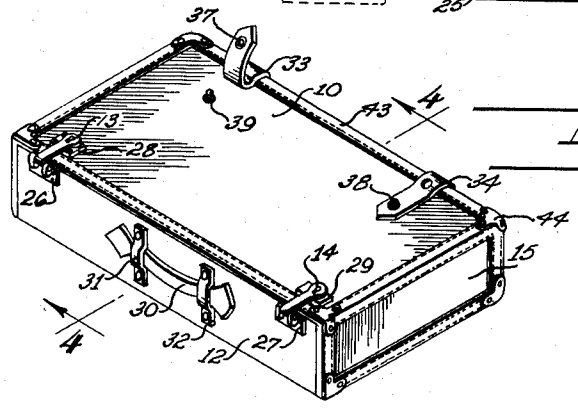


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to luggage of the type generally referred to as a suit case, and in particular a suitcase designed to facilitate stacking a plurality of suitcases and whereby with a plurality of suitcases in a stack the contents of each suitcase is readily accessible.

The purpose of this invention is to economize in the use of floor space whereby instead of placing a plurality of traveling bags at different points in a comparatively small room the bags are designed to be positioned one above the other to form a stack and the bags are designed whereby the top or upper end is hingedly attached to one side so that trays slidable in the bags or cases may be readily withdrawn with the suitcases stacked.

With a conventional type of suitcase or traveling bag it is difficult to open more than one bag at a time in the average hotel room and in numerous instances it is desirable to have access to garments in a plurality of cases or bags. With this thought in mind this invention contemplates a traveling case having a tray slidably mounted therein and having a door on one edge whereby with the door open the tray may readily be withdrawn to facilitate removing articles therefrom or placing articles therein.

The object of this invention is, therefore, to provide means for forming a traveling bag whereby a plurality of bags may be positioned in a stack and wherein each bag of a stack is adapted to be opened.

Another object of the invention is to provide means for forming a suitcase or similar traveling bag so that bags are adapted to support one or a plurality of superimposed bags.

A further object of the invention is to provide a suitcase or traveling bag having a tray slidably mounted therein and adapted to be withdrawn from one edge with a plurality of bags positioned in a stack in which the bags are of a simple and economical construction.

With these and other objects in view the invention embodies a suitcase or traveling bag, substantially rectangular-shape in section having a tray substantially filling the interior, and with a panel providing a door hinged to one edge of the side wall of the bag and secured by fastening elements to the opposite side wall of the bag.

Other features and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description taken in connection with the drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is the view illustrating a plurality of the improved bags of this invention positioned in a stack and with a tray of one of the bags withdrawn.

Figure 2 is an end elevational view of the stack of bags shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a perspective view illustrating one of the bags and showing the bag in the closed position.

Figure 4 is a cross section through a bag taken on line 4—4 of Figure 3, also showing the bag in the closed position.

Figure 5 is a cross section through one side of a stack of bags, taken on line 5—5 of Figure 2, and showing the bags on an enlarged scale.

Referring now to the drawing wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts the improved traveling bag or suitcase of this invention includes a substantially rectangular case having side walls 10 and 11, a front panel or door 12 hingedly connected to one edge of the side panel or wall 11 and held to the wall 10, at the opposite side with fasteners 13 and 14, end walls 15 and a bottom or rear wall 16, and the case is provided with a substantially rectangular-shaped tray having a base 17 with side walls 18 and 19 and end walls 20 and 21.

The side wall 18 of the tray is provided with a handle 22 which is secured to the wall with straps 23 and 24, and, as illustrated in Figure 1 the tray is adapted to slide outwardly from the case with the door or top panel 12 opened to the position shown in Figure 1.

The front wall or top 12 is secured to the edge of the side wall 11 with a hinged member 25 and fasteners 13 and 14, which extend from the opposite edge, are secured to the door 12 with plates 26 and 27 and, as shown in Figure 3, the extended ends of the fasteners are adapted to be held by sockets 28 and 29, respectively, on the outer surface of the front wall or panel 10.

The door 12 is also provided with a handle 30 and the handle is secured to the panel or door with straps 31 and 32.

The bottom or side wall 16 of the case is provided with extended straps 33 and 34 which are permanently secured to the rear wall 16, by stitching as shown at the points 35 and 36, in Figure 2 and extended ends of the straps are provided with snap fasteners 37 and 38. The snap fasteners 37 and 38 are positioned to be held on complementary fasteners 39 on the wall 10 or the fasteners or other straps may be snapped over similar fastener elements positioned on the bottoms or end walls 16 of superimposed cases, as shown in Figure 2.

The improved traveling bag or suitcase of this invention is also provided with over-lapping flaps 40 and 41, the edges of which are secured together with fasteners 42, as illustrated in Figure 4, and with a tray drawn outwardly to the position shown in Figure 1 the upper flap 40 drops downwardly into the tray, as shown in Figure 1.

The edges of the case are provided with conventional binding strips as indicated by a numeral 43 and the corners are protected with clips 44.

With the parts arranged in this manner a traveling bag or suitcase patterned after the design disclosed and described herein is adapted to be used in the conventional manner and, when desired, a plurality of cases or bags may be stacked, preferably with each superimposed bag or case smaller than the one below, as illustrated in Figure 1.

When it is desired to remove articles from the cases or replace articles therein doors 12 are opened and the trays withdrawn.

To retain these bags or cases assembled or in a neat stack the cases are secured together at the back with the straps 33 and 34 and when not in use these straps are snapped over fasteners 39 on the side of the bag.

It will be understood that modifications, within the scope of the appended claims, may be made in the design and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A traveling bag comprising a substantially rectangular-shape case having upper, lower, side and end walls, means hinging one edge of one of said side walls to the lower wall, fasteners for temporarily securing the opposite edge of said hinged side wall to said upper wall, a handle positioned on said hinged side wall, a tray slidably mounted in the case, and over-lapping flaps positioned between said hinged side wall and the tray and secured to the inner surfaces of the upper and lower walls, respectively.

2. In a suitcase, the combination which comprises a rectangular-shape case having upper, lower, side and end walls, means hinging one edge of one of said side walls to the meeting edge of the lower wall, fasteners for temporarily securing the opposite edge of the hinged side wall to the meeting edge of the upper wall, a handle positioned on the outer surface of the hinged side wall, overlapping flaps positioned on the inside of the hinged side wall and secured to inner surfaces of the upper and lower walls, a rectangular-shaped tray slidably mounted in said case and having a base with upwardly extended side and end walls and a handle on one of the side walls of the tray.

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